

I am writing to protest the proposed changes to the FCC regulations regarding ownership in the media. I feel these proposed rules a direct threat to diversity of opinion. By allowing cross ownership of media, you will be reducing the ability of people to receive a variety of opinion. The reason the FCC rules were set up in the 1940s was a response to the sole ownership of media in the countries that World War II was fought against. To prevent the lack of differing opinion, bans on media conglomerates owning all media outlets were implemented. This provided Americans with many opinions, on many topics. Already in radio there is not varying opinion. Most communities have no varying opinion on radio as the stations are owned by one or two companies that broadcast the same shows to all of their stations. Local content has for the most part been eliminated. Media conglomerates already own many types of media. Internet news sources are owned by the same media conglomerates that own television that own newspapers, that own radio. What were once numerous opinions are now few opinions. What were once a variety of thought, now reflect the thought of the conglomerates and not local views. These rule changes are encouraging nothing except the further deterioration of the freedoms of Americans. It is preventing Americans from gaining information and they are preventing Americans from learning of dissenting opinions to the government/corporate opinion that "money is most important". These rules changes will serve only to further the stranglehold that corporate greed has on the freedoms of Americans. These rules will only encourage less opinion, less freedom, and more government control of information.